



# IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

February 28, 2020

## Office on Status of African-Americans

*This is a compilation of information and announcements that impact the Black community. It is intended to disseminate information to service providers and other stakeholders that serve and work with Black Iowans.*

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## 2020 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

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**Theme:**

***"The Arc of the Moral Universe is Long,  
But it Bends Toward Justice"***  
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



*Photos Courtesy of the Office on the Status of African-Americans*

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## African-Americans in Iowa: 2020 Iowa State Data Center

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# AFRICAN- AMERICANS IN IOWA: 2020

FEBRUARY 2020

To recall and celebrate the positive contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week beginning on Feb. 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month.

## 124,819

The 2018 African American population in Iowa. African Americans constitute 4.0% of the state's total population. In 1980, African Americans made up 1.4% of the state's total population.

## 199.3%

The percent change in the African American population from 1980 to 2018. This is a 78,518 numeric increase for the period.  
Source: 2018 Annual Population Estimates

## 286,894

The projected African American population of Iowa in 2050, according to Woods & Poole Economics Inc.(2018). African Americans will constitute 8.5 percent of the state's total population.

## Age

### 26.7

The median age of Iowa's African American population in 2018. The median age for the state of Iowa is 38.2.

## Families and Children

### 21,277

The number of African American families in 2018 who reside in Iowa. Of these families, 76.2 percent include their own children under 18 years of age.

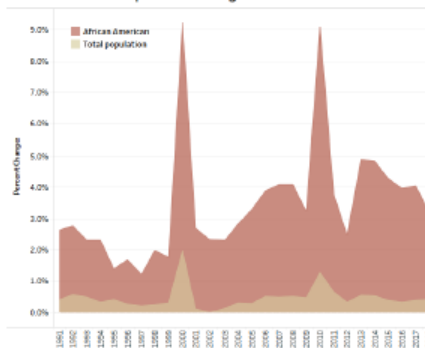
### 9.7%

Percentage of the African American population under age 5, in 2018. African Americans have a higher concentration of preschoolers among the population than the state as a whole (6.3%).

### 128.1%

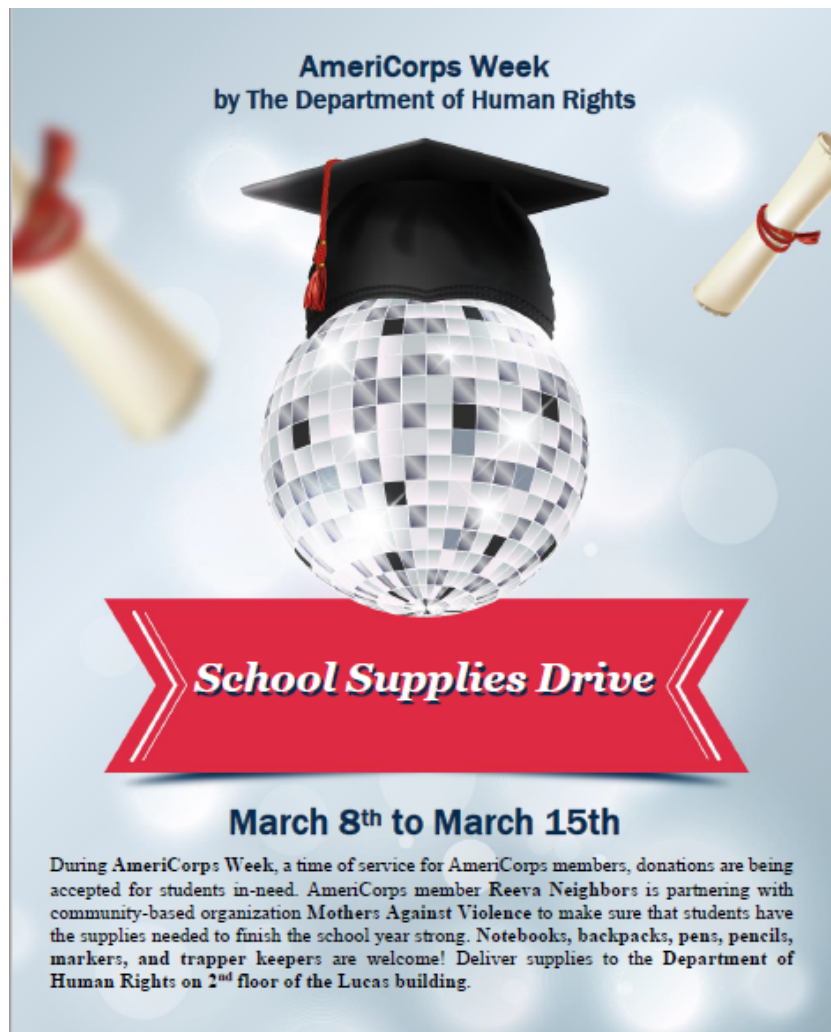
Percent increase in the number of African American families in the state of Iowa from 1980 to 2018. Since 1980, the number of African American families have increased by 11,949.

Annual percent change from 1990-2018



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## Upcoming Events and Programs

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**Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success**

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# RAY BLUE

## Benefit Concerts



*"Ray Blue is a busy presence in New York who works and tours regularly in and around Europe, performing and giving workshops...he is the real deal. He has the big sound and the improvisatory presence of the vigorous players who know how to hold a crowd."*

— Peter Vacher, Jazzwise Magazine



**Thursday, March 5th** · 7:30 PM  
**CSPS Hall** · 1103 3rd St SE · Cedar Rapids

**Friday, March 6th** · Doors 7:00 PM; Show 8:00 PM  
**The Mill** · 120 E Burlington St · Iowa City

Internationally renowned saxophonist · composer · arranger · educator

**General Admission Tickets \$20 Advance | \$25 Door | \$10 Student with ID**  
CSPS: [Legionarts.org](http://Legionarts.org) | The Mill: [Midwestix.com](http://Midwestix.com)

Proceeds from this event will help to support the mission of The Academy for Scholastic and Personal Success: to instill pride in and understanding of African American culture as a tool to encourage academic achievement and positive behaviors, toward post-secondary matriculation and productive citizenship. Since 1989, ASPS has served nearly 3000 students of color. For more information, or to donate: [www.theacademysps.com](http://www.theacademysps.com)

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**Alexander Clark Foundation**

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## Join us for Alexander Clark Lecture Series

In 1868, three years after the Civil War, 12-year-old Susan Clark of Muscatine became the first African American child to attend a racially integrated school in the United States of America. It was the result of a lawsuit before the Iowa Supreme Court filed by her father, the great civil rights leader Alexander Clark.

Learn the fascinating story behind that historical occasion at a free event:

**March 3 – 7 p.m.**

**Muscatine Community College – Student Center  
152 Colorado St., Muscatine**



**THE Community's College**

**FOR MORE  
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563-288-6000**

Muscatine Community College  
152 Colorado St., Muscatine  
eicc.edu

### Featuring **Russell Lovell**



Leading the discussion will be Drake Law School Professor Emeritus Russell Lovell. Lovell's public service commitment includes 45 years of civil rights work for the NAACP, including service as lead counsel in cases that desegregated the Indiana State Police Department and the Des Moines Fire Department. Over the years he has received numerous Outstanding Public Service and Civil Rights Awards from the NAACP, and a wide range of honors from Iowa Legal Aid, the Black Ministerial Alliance and others.

The annual Alexander Clark Lecture is co-sponsored by the Alexander Clark Foundation, League of Women Voters of Muscatine County and Muscatine Community College. Broadcasting resources provided by Muscatine Power & Water. Re-Broadcasts are available on the Muscatine Access Nine/YouTube Channels.

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## Friends of Forest Avenue Library

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**Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church - Des Moines**

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# Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

3100 2nd Ave., Des Moines, IA 515-282-7947 Pastor James E. Wright, Sr.

## Celebrating Black History

### A Taste of the Times

February 29, 2020 - 1:00-3:00pm

Join us for a peek into history and a taste of the past!

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

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## The Links, Incorporated

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## A Gathering of Sisters

**REGISTER TODAY**



Saturday, March 14, 2020  
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
Grand View University  
(Student Center)

Join us for an afternoon of inspiration, networking, and professional development with our keynote speaker, Kemba Smith Pradia - author, criminal justice advocate, and lecturer.

Read more about her at <https://www.sentencingproject.org/stories/kemba-smith/>

We will also celebrate notable SHEROes from our community.

Tickets can be  
purchased at  
**Eventbrite.com**  
(search for **A  
Gathering of Sisters**).

Ticket Cost: \$40  
2 CEUs: Additional \$10

Email QUESTIONS to:  
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## United States Census - Complete Count

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# Shape the future for your family and community.

The U.S. Constitution requires that every decade we count our nation's population. By April 1, every household will receive a notice to complete the 2020 Census and be counted.

## **Responding is important.**

You can shape the future for yourself, your family, and your community for the next 10 years. Data collected in the 2020 Census will inform the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to states and communities each year. Businesses, community leaders, and local governments use census data to create jobs, ensure public safety preparedness, and support community initiatives.

## **Results of the census impact funding for things like:**

- › Schools and education
- › Health care facilities
- › Housing assistance
- › Public transportation
- › Child and adult food assistance programs
- › Assistance for people transitioning out of homelessness
- › Career and technical education grants
- › Medicare Part B

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**Everyone at your address should be counted.**



It is important to count every person living in your household, even if they are staying only temporarily. This includes relatives, nonrelatives, and children as young as one day old.



You should respond at the address where you are living or staying on Census Day—April 1, 2020.

**Our kids are important.**

An estimated 5 percent of kids under the age of five were missed in the 2010 Census. At about 1 million babies and young children, that's the largest undercount of any age group. The 2020 Census helps determine which areas qualify for the critical resources that children and families depend on for the next 10 years—basically an entire childhood! During those years, their communities could receive less funding for schools, parks, SNAP/WIC, hospitals, transportation, and other things kids need.

**Responding is easy and secure.**

Responding to the census takes just a few minutes. Simply answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. The Census Bureau encourages renters and recent movers to complete their forms right away, online or by phone, in case paper forms get lost in the mail.

All responses are confidential and protected by law. Your personal information can never be shared with law enforcement agencies or property managers, and it cannot be used against you in any way.

For more information, visit:

**2020CENSUS.GOV**

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